

Remarks

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-14. Claims 15-17 stand rejected. By this paper, claims 15-17 are canceled without prejudice to their representation in a continuing application. Allowed claims 1-14 remain. A technical amendment correcting the dependency of claim 11 has been made in order to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "monosaccharide".

Considering the foregoing, it is sincerely believed that this case is in a condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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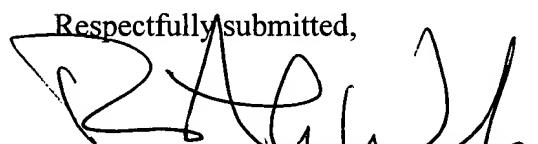
This paper is intended to constitute a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Please contact the undersigned if it appears that a portion of this response is missing or if there remain any additional matters to resolve. If the Examiner feels that processing of the application can be expedited in any respect by a personal conference, please consider this an invitation to contact the undersigned by phone.

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